

**Bureau of Land Management  
Multi-Species Conservation Strategy  
Prairie Grasslands Questionnaire**

Introduction: The following questionnaire has been developed in order to quantify information about grassland resources on a broad scale across BLM-managed land in a seven state region. We have tried to be as clear as possible about the information being requested. **All of your answers should be in terms of the native grassland<sup>1</sup> dominated communities only. Do not include information that does not pertain to these communities.** Refer to the footnotes for additional explanations. Keep in mind that this is the first phase of the overall development of a BLM conservation strategy to address multiple species conservation issues. If you need more rows than what is available, select the "Table" function and insert rows following the instructions. You will be given additional opportunities to refine or adjust the information you provide in this questionnaire. If you have questions or problems, please contact Chris Gordon@ 202-452-7754.

Field Office Contact: Contact Phone #: Email:	State:	Office Name:	Office Code:		
<b>I. The Resource</b>					
Surface Acres of RA/FO:	Subsurface Acres:		Total Acres:		
Estimate % of RA/FO that is dominated by native grasslands <sup>2</sup> :	Comment:				
# of Grazing Allotments:	Estimated # of Permittees:				
# of Stream Miles:	Acres of Lakes/Reservoirs:				
Acres of Wetlands:	Acres and/or miles of Riparian:				
<b>II. Special Status Species</b> (species that primarily occur in grassland ecosystems or habitats associated with grasslands).					
Name (Common or Latin):	Status (FT, FE, FC, ST, SE, BLM Sensitive) <sup>3</sup>	Estimated Current BLM Habitat (ac/mi) <sup>4</sup>	Estimated Historic Habitat (ac/mi) <sup>4</sup>	Management Plan or Agreement Completed (Yes/No) <sup>5</sup>	Percent of Management Plan Completed <sup>6</sup>
<u>Example</u> : Black-tailed prairie dog	FC	1,500 ac	2,500 ac	No	50%

<b>III. Special Management Areas (i.e. ACEC, RNA).</b> List by name areas of BLM-administered land within native grassland communities within your administrative unit that have been recognized as having important scientific value for fish, wildlife, and rare plants.					
Name of Area	Estimated Acres	Key Resource Values:		Comments:	
<b>Example:</b> Alkali Lakes Wetlands ACEC	2,000	Waterfowl, shorebird nesting, rare plants, wildlife viewing, ecological diversity		ACEC Plan completed in 1993.	
<b>IV. Land Cover.</b> Briefly describe what land cover information you currently have for your Field Office. If you have more than one type of coverage for different areas, please list separately. Please comment on its current utility for project or land use planning.					
Area or Planning Unit	Date	Scale		Comments:	
<b>V. Planning</b> (Please provide a brief summary of Land Use Plans for your field office that include prairie grassland habitats)					
Name of Land Use Plan	Date	Acres Affected		Comments:	
<b>Example:</b> Muddy Water MFP	1/79	750,000 acres		The plan is 21 years old and contains several species of plants and animals that are now listed. Other resource issues have developed that need to be addressed in an updated plan.	
<b>VI. Activity Plans (AMP, HMP's, others)</b>					
Plan Name	Date	Acres Affected	Percent Completed	Comments:	

<p><b>VII. Resource Issues:</b> Please describe significant resource management issues affecting habitat conditions on native grasslands within your field office. Feel free to suggest possible solution s/conservation strategies in section VIII. Be as specific as possible.</p>
<p><b>Example:</b> Fragmented land ownership in resource area contributes to habitat fragmentation and an inability to provide suitable management over a large enough area to achieve recovery goals for the mountain plover.</p>
<p><b>VIII. Conservation Strategies:</b> Please provide suggestions/ideas that address resolution or moving towards a solution of each of the issues you identified.</p>
<p><b>Example:</b> Increased emphasis on blocking up key areas into manageable units needed to meet recovery needs for the mountain plover. In addition, we see increased opportunity for the use of conservation easements as a viable toll for meeting recovery objectives.</p>
<p><b>IX. Other Comments or Suggestions</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU!!!</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Native grasslands, for the purposes of this questionnaire, include areas dominated by native grass species typical of the short, mixed grass prairie and desert grassland ecosystems and associated inclusions that are typically found within these areas.

<sup>2</sup> Areas dominated by trees or shrub habitats larger than 1,000 acres should not be included in the total. Estimates are fine.

<sup>3</sup> BLM defined sensitive species are those that are federally listed as threatened or endangered, federally proposed for listing, designated as candidates for federal listing, proposed for listing or listed by a State, or designated by a State Director.

<sup>4</sup> Estimated acres of current and historic. These are estimates only! If you do not know, please use UK (unknown).

<sup>5</sup> Management Plans/Agreements refers to any specific plan or agreement that your field office uses to guide protection, conservation, and restoration of this species. Examples include conservation plans, agreements with the Fish and Wildlife Service, approved recovery plans, habitat management plans, interagency agreements, etc.

<sup>6</sup> Estimate the percent of the BLM planned actions which have been completed.